

"Colson told Hunt to *bring back* information from the apartment . . . linking Bremer to left-wing political causes, according to the accounts." The term "left-wing causes," the *Washington Post* then said meaningfully, includes such groups as the Communist Black Panther Party.

According to the accounts, Hunt informed the White House through Mr. Colson that it would be impossible to get to Milwaukee in time to grab the evidence before the F.B.I. began to search the apartment. Colson, who denies having issued such orders to Hunt, does admit that immediately after the attempt on Wallace's life he contacted Assistant F.B.I. Director W. Mark Felt. No one is telling what was said. But, shortly afterward, *Chicago Tribune* reporters Ronald Koziol and John O'Brien arrived at Bremer's apartment and "found that Federal Bureau of Investigation agents had come and gone, leaving the place unguarded . . . the F.B.I. agents returned a few hours later and only then began putting evidence into boxes."

To this day the F.B.I. has never fully explained why the apartment was left unsecured, but the result was that bands of local radicals joined teams of reporters in a looting session, removing Bremer's notebooks and all other evidence from the apartment.

You will recall that, at the time of the Wallace shooting, the F.B.I. had been controlled for nearly two weeks by L. Patrick Gray, after the conveniently timed May Day death of J. Edgar Hoover. Long before the Water-

gate Conspiracy was exposed, I was announcing at daily press conferences that Mr. Gray, as Acting Director of the F.B.I., was personally responsible for the suppression of the facts in the Bremer Case. Again these were considered by many to be "wild charges" . . . right up until Mr. Gray was forced to resign for having protected the White House by destroying evidence in other cases.

The point of all of this is that it is now all too possible (I say *possible*) that covert operators responsible to the White House were involved in the effort to kill Governor George Wallace. Most "Liberal" analysts now admit that at the time he was shot Wallace had a very good chance of receiving the Democrat nomination for President of the United States. Had he won that nomination, Richard Nixon would not now be President. Dennis Cossini's superiors in Red Chinese intelligence might have recognized that soon enough to act. But then Cossini apparently worked also for the C.I.A.

Someone gave the order for Cossini to set the Bremer plan in motion. If it was the Red Chinese, and not someone high enough in our own government to tell a C.I.A. operative what to do, why was "former" C.I.A. operative E. Howard Hunt ordered by the White House to rush to Milwaukee to suppress (or plant) evidence in Bremer's apartment? And why did the F.B.I. break every procedural rule to make that possible? Those are two very good questions! ■ ■

WATERGATE AND THE SHOOTING OF GEORGE WALLACE

*Wallace gunman worked
with a C.I.A. operative and
the White House ordered
E. Howard Hunt to
steal key Bremer evidence.*

by Timothy Heinan

■ Few developments in Washington have ever received as much speculative news coverage as the Watergate conspiracy. In contrast, the hard evidence of conspiracy in the shooting of Alabama Governor George Wallace has been almost completely ignored by the news media. The proof that would-be assassin Arthur Bremer was not a "lone psychotic" was described in detail by Alan Stang in *American Opinion* for October 1972. That report was then entered into the *Congressional Record* by Congressman John Schmitz and Congressman John Ashbrook, both of whom were Presidential candidates last year.

On September 14, 1972, Congressman Schmitz held a press conference

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attended by more than fifty members of the Washington press corps. At that conference I surfaced as a police undercover operative and related my own firsthand knowledge of Arthur Bremer's Communist background, and Alan Stang described the evidence turned up by the *American Opinion* investigation. Congressman Schmitz, a respected member of the House Internal Security Committee, then formally requested "a Committee Hearing to be held in the very near future so that all relevant testimony on this matter may be given under oath."

Since that time I have addressed over 150 audiences from coast to coast to support the holding of such Congressional Hearings. After nine months, I regret to report that those Hearings are not now likely to occur. To understand why, we must shift our attention to the other side of the Capitol Dome.

During the Senate Watergate testimony there has been much discussion about the covert operations of present and "former" C.I.A. operatives. It is therefore interesting to recall that, after the shooting of George Wallace, Bremer's mother, Wallace campaign workers, and other private citizens in Milwaukee, all recalled seeing a man traveling with (and giving instructions to) Arthur Bremer. This "Mystery Man" was identified from photographs as a Cuban-trained Maoist agent named Dennis Salvatore Cossini, alias Dennis Kushmann, alias Dennis Cuzman, alias Dennis Cousins.

On July 6, 1972, less than two

weeks after being identified, Cossini was reported by a federal agent to have been murdered in Toronto, Canada. Alan Stang, in his thoroughly detailed *American Opinion* account, noted of Cossini that "his body was picked up by three Americans, who according to the agent may be from the Central Intelligence Agency, which is so super-secret that even Congressmen can find out nothing about it." Those words proved to be prophetic.

After months of preliminary investigation, the Minority Investigative Staff of the House Committee on Internal Security has now advised the Committee that sufficient information about the C.I.A. connection with Dennis Cossini cannot be obtained to permit proper conduct of a full Committee Hearing. As one Committee investigator put it: "If a guy works for the C.I.A., we just can't find out anything." So, even after being identified, Bremer's "boss" remains a mystery man.

Nevertheless, there are several reasons to believe that Maoist agent Dennis Cossini was also, in fact, C.I.A. operative Dennis Cossini. That is, that the "boss" of the man who shot George Wallace was directly connected with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. It can now be reported in these pages, as I have already informed the Investigative Staff of the House Committee on Internal Security, that two federal agents from two separate agencies have confirmed Cossini's C.I.A. connections. These agents, using the undercover names "George" and

"Loadstone," are corroborated by a military investigator we shall call Sergeant Anderson.

But even if we were to disregard the independent statements of these federal agents, Cossini's role as a double or triple agent can easily be perceived. Consider his reported activities. Dennis Cossini had lived in Cuba, associated with Red Chinese agents, and died under mysterious circumstances in Canada. He had been a member of RYM II of S.D.S., the Weathermen, the Progressive Labor Party, the Venceremos Brigade, and had either membership or close associations in the secretive Maoist gang known as Revolutionary Union. As one investigator for the House Internal Security Committee observed, "the ability to penetrate such mutually exclusive groups is typically the mark of an intelligence operative."

It is not without meaning that an intelligence field office in Milwaukee has received orders to remove every file containing the name of Dennis Cossini. And it is certainly worth noting that all official files on Cossini's death in Canada have now vanished. Indeed, even Cossini's associates have not been spared the fatal effects of the coverup. A frequent contact of Dennis Cossini on the West Coast, one John McCleary, and McCleary's closest associate, Ed Kontor, have both suffered highly suspicious deaths. (See *The Review Of The News*, September 27, 1972, and January 10, 1973.)

Our repeated charges relating to these matters seemed highly incredible

to many... until the Senate Watergate Hearings. Now, something amazing has happened in Washington. They're daring to call it *Conspiracy*. In fact, that ten-letter word which seemed unprintable last September fourteenth is now appearing regularly in headlines about Watergate. An awareness is growing in America that people in high places do conspire, and that men will take great pains in order to destroy or suppress evidence of that conspiracy.

There is every reason to believe that all of the information uncovered by Alan Stang and our special investigative team was already known to the federal agencies which investigated the Bremer case. Agents from the F.B.I. talked to the same witnesses we interviewed and received the same information. That information was suppressed at the highest levels of the F.B.I. *American Opinion* published a federal agent's report, dated July 1971, which took four pages to fully establish Bremer's revolutionary background and his training to shoot George Wallace. That document was never mentioned at Bremer's trial. Instead, the trial centered around Arthur Bremer's alleged diary. As I reported in this magazine for January 10, 1973, careful study of the "diary" reveals that it is a fraud, manufactured by Bremer and his accomplices in order to support a plea of insanity at his trial. In fact, after the "diary" was published by *Harper's*, New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison wrote: "It is my considered opinion that the diary left

by Arthur Bremer, while undoubtedly written by his hand, is an example of the deception customarily used by intelligence agencies. It serves as an arrow pointing in the wrong direction."

Interestingly, one of District Attorney Garrison's associates has now raised the question of whether a link exists between the Watergate Conspiracy and the Bremer Case. In 1969, Garrison teamed up with a former State Department security investigator named Bernard Fensterwald to form the Committee to Investigate Assassinations (a sort of private C.I.A.). An independently wealthy graduate of Harvard Law School, Fensterwald became the attorney of record for both James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of Martin Luther King, and James W. McCord, the convicted Watergate burglar. The first link of Watergate to assassination was reported last December after Fensterwald called Paul Valentine, a *Washington Post* reporter, concerning a possible 1961 plot by some of the Watergate conspirators to assassinate President Kennedy.

On June twenty-first, the *Washington Post* reported that according to accounts of sworn testimony at a closed-door session of the Senate Watergate Committee, Watergate conspirator and "former" C.I.A. agent E. Howard Hunt was ordered by special Presidential counsel Charles Colson to break into Bremer's apartment about one hour after the Wallace shooting. *Washington Post* correspondents Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein report: